

upcoming things to do

• 'THE FANTASTICKS'

Nancy Gurnin's dinner theater production of Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt's musical "The Fantasticks" opens Monday, Dec. 31, at the Allen Park Motor Lodge, 14887 Southfield Road in Allen Park. The New Year's Eve package is \$49.99 and includes a bottle of champagne, sit-down dinner and show. The show begins its regular run Saturday, Jan. 12, and continues Fridays-Saturdays through March. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for cocktails, with dinner at 7:30, show at 8:45 p.m. Dinner and show is \$17.95 per person plus tax and tip. The show is directed by Edgar A. Guest III of Birmingham. Area residents in the cast include Joe Lannan of Farmington Hills as El Gallo, Vince Dunn of Southfield as Hucklebee and Dike Dwelley of West Bloomfield as Henry. For reservations, call 386-1300.

• MD EVENT

Archibald's restaurant in Birmingham, along with musician/host Doug Jacobs and the Red Garter Band, is staging a "New Year's for MDs" event. Christopher Rush, 1984 muscular dystrophy national poster child, will start the New Year's evening at 9 p.m. Proceeds from the sale of a special drink, Archibald, will go to fight MD. Canisters will be available for those wishing to make a donation. For more information, call 642-9400.

• NO PACKAGE

New Year's Eve celebrations are a la carte at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. Instead of packages or cover charges, there will be live entertainment in three rooms and dinner offered from 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. under the direction of chef Dennis Lindgren. Prices on the special menu start at \$15.95. The five-piece group Motion plays for dining and dancing in the Ballroom, Charlie Dublin plays piano in the dining room, and Susie Woodman and Pogo entertain at the piano bar in the lounge.

• GROUND ROUND

Brother and sister Mark and Gayle Barnowski, who are members of the family group Relation, perform Friday-Saturday, Dec. 29-30, and at a special New Year's Eve party Monday, Dec. 31, at the Ground Round, 13 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak. Other members of Relation will join in on New Year's Eve. For reservations, call 549-3044. Mark and Gayle perform weekdays at the Four Seasons Fields Irish Pub in the Northwest Center in Royal Oak.

• LASER LIGHT

A new laser/light concert makes its debut beginning Friday-Saturday, Dec. 28-29, at the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills. "Lasera VII: Pink Floyd," a rock concert incorporating music from three Pink Floyd albums, will be shown at 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. Fridays and 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays. "Fireworks," designed for family audiences, will be shown at 3:45 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays. Each concert is \$1.25, in addition to regular museum admission of \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and senior citizens. Children under 5 are not admitted. For more information, call 645-3220.

• AUDITIONS OPEN

A casting call for "Play It Again, Sam" has been issued by the Franklin Village Players for its 1985 spring production. Auditions will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Jan. 6-7, in the Village Hall, 32325 Franklin Road at Carol Street. The three-act play, a comedy by Woody Allen, will be directed by Sharon Hoff of Southfield. There are roles for three men and eight women. For more information, call Rose Galle, president, at 626-7478.

• OLDIES CLUB

Outer Drive will play Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 5-6, at Yesterday's Classics Oldies Club at the Sheraton-Southfield Hotel in Southfield. Shows are from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays.

• YMCA AUCTION

Oakland Mall in Troy and the Pontiac YMCA will sponsor the YMCA Auction from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, in the mall's Center Court. Featured will be memorabilia donated by players of the Detroit Pistons and Lions teams. Many of the items are autographed. A TV celebrity will lead the bidding.

• FILM SERIES

The Adat Shalom Adult Study Commission will present its third annual film series, "The Jewish World View of Jan Kadar," 7-9 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 6, 13 and 27, in the youth lounge of the synagogue in Farmington Hills. The films will be introduced by Dan Greenberg, film critic for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and film instructor at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. Films to be shown are "The Shop on Main Street," "The Angel Levine" and "Lies My Father Told Me," all directed by Kadar.

• JAZZ HISTORY

Jazz star J.C. Heard will teach a 14-week course on the history of jazz, this winter at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The internationally known drummer has played with such artists as Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway, Billie Holiday, Teddy Wilson and Dizzy Gillespie. Class sessions will be interspersed with Heard's personal anecdotes. For further information, call 951-6400, ext. 216.

• PARTY TIME

The Pine Street Country restaurant in Pontiac will offer two seatings for dinner, plus free entertainment for dinner guests, on Monday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve. A special menu is available for dinner at 6:30 or 9:30 p.m., priced at \$19.95 per person. The Greg Nichols Trio will play big band tunes for ballroom dancing on the first floor. A disc jockey will spin records of today's sound for dancing on the second floor. Cover charge is \$4 for guests who join the party for dancing only. Reservations are recommended.

• OPTIONS OPEN

A number of New Year's Eve options will be offered in the various restaurants and lounge of the Westin Hotel in Detroit's Renaissance Center. Dancing will be available at the summit lounge, regular and special menus plus musical entertainment at La Fontaine restaurant, dinner and casual entertainment at the Cafe Renaissance, a disc jockey spinning records at Decays, cocktails at the Inner Circle Lounge and at the Galleria Lounge. For more information, call the Westin.

• GOODNIGHT, GRANDPA

The Detroit Repertory Theatre's post-holiday production will be "Goodnight, Grandpa" by Walter Landau, Thursdays-Sundays, Jan. 10 through March 3. Tickets are \$7. The play is about a 66-year-old friendship between Isaac, 100 years old, and Morris, who is 92. For ticket information, call the box office at 688-1347.

• CASTING CALL

Stagecrafters has announced auditions for the comedy "Footlight Frenzy" 7-10 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 8-9, at the playhouse in Clawson. Roles are available for four males, ages 20-50, and two females, ages 20-40. Performance dates are Friday, March 15, to Saturday, March 30. For further information, call John Landis at 288-6055.

• WORKSHOP OPEN

The Red Door Players of the First Unitarian Church in Detroit announces registration for six-week workshop to be conducted by guest director Greg Bowman. The workshop concentrating on vocal technique, movement and scenework will be held Saturday afternoons, Jan. 5 through Feb. 9, with a final presentation Wednesday, Feb. 13, at Pulman Hall. For additional information, call the church at 833-9107.

Beddow at Baker's tops music lineup



Andrea Cheolas of Jazz Plus at Sir Charles Pub

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Harrison, who plans a tour of Europe next summer, finds he has fans in such places as Germany, Switzerland and Japan.

A saxophone player who's played with jazz stars of the caliber of Eddie Harris and Leon Thomas, Harrison says he "just a jazz musician."

"Presenting pop music to please a lot of people never worked for me," he says. "I have to please myself."

Wendell Harrison and Friends features Pamela Wise. Harrison will be at Bricks Nite Spot, 10015 Chalmers (a block south of East Outer Drive), Detroit, Fridays and Saturdays until the end of January. For more information, call 839-2240.

AN ALBUM is very important to a local group's image and pianist Andrea Cheolas, a Troy resident, is well aware of this fact of musical life.

She's been writing songs for her debut album and talking about it for a couple of years. Now, however, the attractive jazz keyboard player who leads a trio says she's finally ready.

"This album has been in process for a long time," said Cheolas, "but I'm finally going to do it."

The album will be recorded this winter in Jack Brokensha's West Bloomfield studio and will include her own tunes.

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In the meantime, her Andrea Cheolas Jazz Plus Trio plays Thursdays through Saturdays at Sir Charles Pub in Royal Oak. In her trio are her husband, Chris Snyder, who plays electric and acoustic bass, and Max Kolomitz on drums.

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In 'Fantasticks'

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